

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of V. J. Flanigan  
Serial No. To Be Assigned  
Filed February 22, 2002  
For PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR DESTRUCTIVE DISTILLATION OF RUBBER  
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February 22, 2002

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A**

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,

SIR:

Please enter the following amendments prior to examination of the above-referenced application:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please insert the following paragraph at page 1, line 3:

This application is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/027,642 filed February 23, 1998 which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/345,115, filed November 28, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,783,046.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

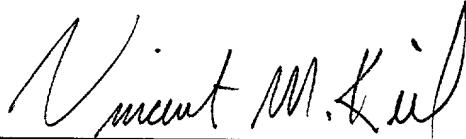
Please cancel claims 1-18 and 23-36.

REMARKS

Applicant requests entry of Preliminary Amendment A prior to calculation of the filing fee. Claims 1-18 and 23-36 have been cancelled by this amendment.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required during the entire pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.

Respectfully submitted,



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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3, has been added.